

### **ABSTRACT**

A hacksaw includes an elongated blade, a frame, and a blade tension adjustment mechanism. The blade tension adjustment mechanism includes a lever constructed and arranged to be pivotally moved between (1) a blade tensioning position so as to tension the blade, and (2) a blade releasing position so as to release the tension from the blade and thereby allow removal and replacement of the blade. A lock is slidably attached to the lever to slide between (1) a locked position wherein the lock secures the lever in the blade tensioning position, and (2) an unlocked position wherein the lock permits the lever to be pivoted between the blade tensioning position and the blade releasing position.